

Paramedic, GED and ESOL programs on the LSSC South Lake and Sumter campuses. And, in the Fall of 2017, Lake Technical College opened the Center for Advanced Manufacturing to meet the growing need to prepare skilled technicians in machining, welding, fabrication, and other manufacturing careers.

Dr. Culpepper has been a dedicated servant to our community throughout her education career. She also volunteers on several boards including CareerSource Central Florida, the Manufacturing Association of Central Florida, Florida Leaders for Career and Technical Education, and the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

It has been a personal honor to work with Dr. Culpepper. Her attitude of servant leadership and her dedication to quality education for Lake Tech's students has been a testimony to her personal modesty and humility.

I am honored to recognize Dr. Culpepper and thank her for her dedication and many contributions to the Central Florida community. Her commitment to excellence, leadership and service is to be admired, and may it inspire others to follow in her footsteps. My sincerest wishes and congratulations to Dr. Diane Culpepper and her family on her retirement.

IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE ANNE
"CATHY" GOVAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Cathy battled with breast cancer over the years but was in remission when she succumbed to complications due to Covid-19.

Beloved daughter of the late Edmund Joseph and Lorraine Govan.

Dear sister of the late Phillip Govan, Marge Govan, Michael (Gretchen) Govan, Anne (Dr. Soumi Eachempati) Govan Dickerson, Jim (Dorothy) Govan and Char (Brian) Bond.

A Cherished aunt of Phillip (Dr. Jamie Aprile) Gordon, Ellie (Jake and Reagan Rose) Berkey, Michael Govan, Brandon (Lezane) and Dawn Dickerson; Harrison, Carter and Gracen Govan; Kenneth, David and Alexis Bond.

Cathy was raised in Detroit and dedicated her later years to consulting Detroit mayors and serving as the executive director and founder of the Detroit Public Safety Foundation.

Donations can be made in Cathy's honor to the Detroit Public Safety Foundation.

Online condolences can be left at <http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com/>. A ceremony honoring Cathy's life will be organized this summer when COVID restrictions are eased. On behalf of the Govan family, we thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

RECOGNIZING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEEF 'N' BARREL RESTAURANT

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the fiftieth anniversary of the Beef

'N' Barrel Restaurant in Olean, New York, and congratulate the owners, Jim, Mike, and PJ McAfee for reaching this milestone.

The Beef 'N' Barrel is a family-owned beef and steakhouse restaurant located at 146 North Union Street in the Olean area that has been celebrated for years. During our visits to this establishment, we have been impressed by the ownership and staff, as well as the quality of service and products they provide. For fifty years, the restaurant has kept its doors open and satisfied customers, whether they were area visitors or life-long residents.

The restaurant opened in May of 1965 under the ownership of Neil and Denis Goodemote but was later sold to Jim McAfee in 1971. The restaurant has expanded over the years, from seating for fifty patrons to room for over three hundred in its current location.

The McAfee family has operated the Beef 'N' Barrel with hard work, dedication, and great effort over the years. We congratulate them on their extraordinary efforts to keep this restaurant growing and thriving, providing a delicious meal to all who visit. Whether it be a daily special, item from the beef bar, burger or other specialty, the quality of food and service received is outstanding.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body join me to recognize the fiftieth anniversary of the Beef 'N' Barrel Restaurant in Olean, New York, and congratulate the owners, Jim, Mike, and PJ McAfee for reaching this milestone.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF DOROTHY ANN MROWKA

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor the life of the late Dorothy Ann Mrowka, of Colchester, Connecticut, who passed away at her home on April 29, 2021 at the age of 78. Known by everyone as Dot, her involvement in the civic and cultural communities of eastern Connecticut made her beloved by many.

Born in New London, CT on October 13, 1942, Dot spent her entire life in eastern Connecticut. Committed to education, she earned a Masters degree in Business Administration which lead to a successful career as a computer programmer at AETNA insurance. She moved to Colchester in 1973 and then married her beloved husband Lucien Mrowka a short time later. They were married for 38 years before he sadly predeceased her in 2012.

Truly, there is not an organization in Colchester that has not been touched by Dot. She was a devout parishioner at St. Andrews Church serving on the Ladies Guild and the First Friday Rosary Guild. Dot was an active member of both the St. Joseph's Polish Society and Colchester Grange No. 78. She was very involved with the Colchester Democratic Town Committee, and the Federation of Democratic Women. She was the recipient of the Ella Grasso award by Connecticut Democrats not once, but twice and selected to serve on the Democratic State Central Committee. Her service to the community did not stop there. Dot was a fierce defender of a free and

fair election and served Colchester residents as the Registrar of Voter for 25 years. Many happy marriages began with her proclamation of "I now pronounce you husband and wife" as she served as a Justice of the Peace. Her selfless service to her community is unparalleled.

I met Dot early in my career in Congress, and her friendship over the years has been invaluable. There are few in this district that knew their community as well as Dot did. She was a tireless campaign volunteer who never shied away from all the "nuts and bolts" of organizing a headquarters, leading phone banks, lit drops or election day logistics. The election eve "get out the vote" spaghetti supper at the Colchester Polish Club was a must stop for Democratic candidates at every level—including House Speaker NANCY PELOSI in 2006. The void her passing leaves is unmeasurable. I know her memory will continue through her family—her son Jeffrey Watson; her daughter, Tammy and her husband Ricky Keller; her brother Joseph Ploszaj; her sisters Peggy Fedus and Mary Lou Johnson, and her two beloved grandchildren Tyler Kelly and Taylor Watson.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to represent constituents as honorable and impactful as Dot. While we all mourn her loss, we can at least find solace that her story, memory, and purpose lives on in through countless others. I find it fitting that we, the People's House, add her name and character into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and ask that the entire House join me in recognizing the life of Dorothy Ann Mrowka, never forgetting the importance of building our connections with others.

CONGRATULATING THE REPUBLIC
OF AZERBAIJAN

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republic of Azerbaijan on its 103rd anniversary of their annual Republic Day as well as its 30th anniversary of independence from the Soviet Union.

I do not want my good wishes to be seen as ignoring the issues currently going on between Azerbaijan and Armenia. I am putting my faith and confidence that the hostilities are resolved, and the appropriate borders will be restored. Independence for Azerbaijan is a time to reflect on the territorial sovereignty and right to independence for other nations as well, as liberty benefits everyone.

Azerbaijan is an important partner in the region. I find this year's occasion special because it marks 30 years since Soviet occupation. The Soviet Union and its ideas of communism subjected millions of people to authoritarian rule, stripping them of their natural, human rights. However, the people of Azerbaijan have successfully emerged from this dark period in history and continue to be a shining example of democracy and independence.

It's important that the people of the United States recognize the nations that emerge from authoritarian rule to contribute to the ever-growing push for liberty and self-governance. Azerbaijan, after being subject to centuries of

oppressive rule under the Russian Empire and USSR, were rewarded with the gift of independence. That is why this week we can proudly stand with our friends in Azerbaijan to celebrate their 103rd Republic Day and share in our collective belief in freedom.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in celebrating Azerbaijan's Republic Day and in recognizing our shared commitment to freedom, democracy, and the principle of self-governance. I would like to share my most heartfelt congratulations on this momentous occasion.

HONORING FLORIDA'S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S GOLD STAR FAMILIES

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of Army Sergeant Henry Levon Brown. Sgt. Brown was killed in action the 8th of April 2003 south of Baghdad, Iraq. He was the proud husband of Army Specialist JoDona Brown and son of Elm and Rhonda Brown. Sgt. Brown was known to be a quiet and religious man focused on his duty as a soldier and role as a loving husband. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice for the freedom of our Nation and all Americans.

I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of Army Sergeant Ed Santini. Sgt. Santini was killed in action the 17th of March 2007 near Baghdad, Iraq. He was the proud husband of Astrid Santini and father of Nayomi and Valerie. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of Sergeant Jeffrey David Smithson. Sgt. Smithson was killed in the line of duty the 11th of December 2013 near St. Augustine, Florida. He was the proud husband of Celeste Ann and father of Madeline, Christian, Jeremy, and Colin. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of Major Gene Andrew Redding. Maj. Redding died the 6th of September 2016 near Lawtey, Florida. He was the proud father of Bryson James and Ella Grace. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of Army Staff Sergeant John A. Reiners. Ssg. Reiners was killed in action the 13th of February 2010 in Zhari Province, Iraq. He was the proud husband of Casey and father of Lex. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of Army Captain Leroy Campbell. Cpt. Campbell was killed in the line of duty the

17th of September 1956 in California. He was the proud father of Ms. Lynn Vernon. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of Private First Class Donald "Wayne" Vincent. Pfc. Vincent was killed in action the 25th of July 2009 in the Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He was the proud son of Lee and Betty Sue of Gainesville, Florida. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of Lance Corporal Philip Paul Clark. LCpl. Clark was killed in action the 18th of May 2010 in the Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He was the proud husband of Ashton Guenther and son of Mike and Tammy Clark of Gainesville, Florida. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

REMEMBERING REV. E. BAXTER MORRIS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the late Rev. E. Baxter Morris, who passed away on May 2. His funeral took place on Saturday, May 15, at the church that he led for nearly half a century. Many of us in this House knew Rev. Morris as a gracious host when we traveled to Montgomery, Alabama, on the annual Faith and Politics Institute Civil Rights Pilgrimage. He and his congregants at the historic First Baptist Church welcomed us with a very moving service followed by a home-cooked meal that made us feel like we were part of their community. I spoke with him at those lunches and, like so many others, came to see his wisdom, patience, and grace. I know that Rev. Morris, who was the congregation's longest-serving pastor, will be deeply missed by all who knew him and worshipped with him.

One of my most cherished memories of congressional pilgrimages to the First Baptist Church and other now-sacred places is sharing the experience with my dear friend John Lewis. John would remind us of the time in youth when he helped organize and lead the Freedom Rides. That effort began 60 years ago this spring. In late May 1961, around 1,500 community members, Freedom Riders, and civil rights activists had gathered to worship at First Baptist Church, when they were besieged by a mob of as many as 3,000 white supremacists. Joining John Lewis inside were Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Fred Shuttlesworth, Diane Nash, James Farmer, and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, who was the senior pastor of the church at that time. It took a historic intervention by President John F. Kennedy and Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, which involved calling out the Alabama National Guard, to break that siege and save the lives of those inside. That incident, known now to history as the First Baptist Church Siege,

was a pivotal moment in the effort to desegregate public transportation across the South.

Thus when Rev. Morris became the senior pastor of First Baptist Church in 1972, it already had a storied history. He did his utmost to preserve that history and ensure that his congregants and visitors alike never forgot the important role that First Baptist Church played in the march for freedom, equality, and civil rights in our country. Indeed, at the lunches I attended with John and other Members of Congress, Rev. Morris would remind us that his church had been founded shortly after emancipation by those who had endured slavery. When a fire destroyed their original church building, the congregants banded together to build the current structure, donating bricks for its construction. For that reason, it is also known as the Brick-a-Day Church.

Rev. Morris understood that his pastoral work reached far beyond the walls of First Baptist Church. He regularly volunteered his time as a mentor throughout the Montgomery community, and he served as Chaplain for the Montgomery Police Department for more than two decades. The Operation Good Shepherd program organized with other religious leaders from across the city endeavors to help law enforcement de-escalate encounters with residents and promote cooperation instead of confrontation. I know that his presence and contributions will be greatly missed across Montgomery and its region.

I join in offering my condolences to Rev. Morris' wife, Rebbe, and their family as well as the entire First Baptist Church community. I will never forget the wisdom he shared with us or his warm and kind welcome and the wonderful meals we had over the years fixed by the members of First Baptist.

Now, he and John and Martin and Ralph and so many other great men and women of justice and courage march on together in eternal peace.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING JIM WALTERS

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Jim Walters who passed away on February 22nd at the age of 83.

Throughout his life, Jim was no stranger to making an impact and improving the lives of others. Jim moved to Gainesville, Georgia in 1971 where he raised his family and became a pillar of philanthropy and generosity in this community.

He was a pioneer in the Georgia Industrial Loan Association, owning many loan offices and businesses throughout the state and country.

Through his success, Jim gave back to his community in countless ways.

He served on Georgia's Board of Natural Resources, the Georgia Ports Authority, and 40 different nonprofit organizations.

He mentored, encouraged, supported and inspired all who met him, and Georgia will be forever touched by his legacy.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him during this most difficult time.